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RE: Request for Extension of Time (No. EPA-R05-OAR-2005-OH-0002)

Dear Mr. Aburano,

Ohio EPA is writing to request an additional 90 days to prepare comments with respect to the June 26, 2014 federal register notice "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Particulate Matter" (70 FR 36277). As you are aware, Ohio EPA submitted revisions to our Opacity rules in 2003. U.S. EPA proposed to disapprove portions of our rules in 2005. Since that time, no action has been taken with respect to the contents of the 2005 proposed disapproval. Then on June 26, 2014, U.S. EPA provided this supplemental proposal requesting comments on whether there are any new events or policy considerations that have transpired since 2005 that may impact a final determination by U.S. EPA with respect to our proposed Opacity rules. Additional time is necessary in order to meaningfully research the history that has transpired in the past nine years in order to determine if there are any events which have occurred, or any policy considerations which have arisen, since the June 27, 2005 comment period on your proposed disapproval. As you are aware, this is a highly technical and complex regulation that was written over ten years ago and proposed for disapproval nearly nine years ago to this day. A 30-day comment period is not sufficient to prepare meaningful comments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Craig W. Butler
Director
Ohio EPA

Cc: Bob Hodanbosi, Chief, Division of Air Pollution Control